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TITLE OF INVENTION: IMAGE PROCESSING SYSTEM

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Determination of Patent Term Adjustment under 35 U.S.C. 154 (b) (application filed on or after May 29, 2000)

The Patent Term Adjustment to date is 654 day(s). If the issue fee is paid on the date that is three months after the mailing date of this notice and the patent issues on the Tuesday before the date that is 28 weeks (six and a half months) after the mailing date of this notice, the Patent Term Adjustment will be 654 day(s).

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Notice of Allowability**Application No.**

10/625,700

Applicant(s)

TAGUCHI ET AL.

Examiner

NICHOLAS AUGUSTINE

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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to 09/13/2010.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-3 and 5-7.
3. ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. ____.
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6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

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1. ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☒ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO/SB/08),
Paper No./Mail Date 03/19/10; 05/07/10
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit of Biological Material
5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application
6. ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413),
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7. ☒ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☒ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other ____.

DETAILED ACTION
EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

1. This action is responsive to the following communication: Amendment filed 09/13/2010.

2. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it **MUST** be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Vishnu V. Ramaswamy (Reg. No. 66,739) on 09/29/2010.

The application has been amended as follows:

Claim 1. (Currently Amended) An image processing system, comprising:

a display screen for displaying a single interface including:

a video display section for reproducing and displaying video data on a screen;

a sync command data check program;

a picture display section for reproducing and displaying when initiated by the sync command data check program at least one of (i) still picture data extracted from the video data and (ii) data of a presentation document on the screen;

a designation section for accepting an instruction from a user to designate at least one item that is displayed by the picture display section, on the screen; and

a correlation section for, upon the instruction entered by the user during the reproduction of the video data creating sync command that correlates the at least one designated item with a reproduction time position in the video data, wherein the at least one designated item correlated with the video are stored with keyword searchable data of at least one of (iii) text data of the presentation document and (iv) voice index data of the video data for each still picture, the sync command data check program checks for sync command data during reproduction and display of video data on the screen;

wherein the at least one designated item is displayed in different sizes, and the different sizes are based on the time length and importance level of a corresponding section of the video data.

Claim 2.(Currently Amended) An image processing system, comprising:

a registered client including

a display screen for displaying a single interface including:

a video display section for reproducing and displaying video data on a screen,

a sync command data check program,

a picture display section for reproducing and displaying when initiated by the sync command data check program at least one of (i) still picture data extracted from the video data and (ii) data of a presentation document on the screen,

a designation section for accepting an instruction from a user to designate at least one

item that is displayed by the picture display section on the screen, and a correlation section for, upon the instruction entered by the user during the reproduction of the video data creating sync command that correlates the at least one designated item with a reproduction time position in the video data; and a distribution server for holding the video data and the at least one designated item that are correlated with each other, and in accordance with a request from a browsing client, providing the video data and the at least one designated item, wherein the at least one designated item correlated with the video data are stored with keyword searchable data of at least one of (iii) text data of the presentation document and (iv) voice index data of the video data for each still picture, the sync command data check program checks for sync command data during reproduction and display of video data on the screen;

wherein the at least one designated item is displayed in different sizes, and the different sizes are based on the time length and importance level of a corresponding section of the video data.

Claim 5.(Currently Amended) An image processing method, comprising:

reproducing and displaying video data on a screen;

providing a single interface screen for:

reproducing and displaying when initiated by a sync command data check program at least one of (i) still picture data extracted from the video data and (ii) data of a presentation document on the screen; and

in accordance with an instruction entered by a user during the reproduction of the video data to designate at least one item that is reproduced and creating sync command data that correlates the at least one designated item with a reproduction time position in the video data, wherein

the at least one designated item correlated with the video data are stored with keyword searchable data of at least one of (iii) text data of the presentation document and (iv) voice index data of the video data for each still picture; and

checking for sync command data during reproduction and display of video data on the screen;

wherein the at least one designated item is displayed in different sizes, and the different sizes are based on the time length and importance level of a corresponding section of the video data.

Claim 6. (Currently Amended) An image processing method, comprising:

reproducing and displaying video data on a screen;

providing a single interface screen for:

reproducing and displaying when initiated by a sync command data check

program at least one of (i) still picture data extracted from the video data and (ii) data of a presentation document on the screen; and

in accordance with an instruction entered by a user during the reproduction of the video data to designate at least one item that is reproduced and displayed, creating sync command data that correlates the at least one designated item with a reproduction time

position in the video data; and
registering the video data and the at least one designated item together with correlation data to a distribution server, wherein
the at least one designated item correlated with the video data are stored with keyword searchable data of at least one of (iii) text data of the presentation document and (iv) voice index data of the video data for each still picture; and
checking for sync command data during reproduction and display of video data on the screen;

wherein the at least one designated item is displayed in different sizes, and the different sizes are based on the time length and importance level of a corresponding section of the video data.

Claim 8 (Canceled).

Claim 9 (Canceled).

Claim 10 (Canceled).

Claim 11 (Canceled).

Claim 12 (Canceled).

Claim 13 (Canceled).

Claim 14 (Canceled).

Claim 15 (Canceled).

Claim 16 (Canceled).

Claim 17 (Canceled).

Claim 18 (Canceled).

Claim 19 (Canceled).

Claim 20 (Canceled).

Claim 21 (Canceled).

Claim 22 (Canceled).

Claim 23 (Canceled).

Claim 24 (Canceled).

Claim 25 (Canceled).

Allowable Subject Matter

3. Claims 1-3 and 5-7 are allowed.

4. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: Independent claims 1, 2, 5 and 6, when considered as a whole, are allowable over the prior art of record. Specifically, the prior art of Chen teaches the limitation: "a graphical user interface consisting of a video region, slide region and thumbnail region for displaying playback of content to the user". But the claims recite a different combination of limitation: "a picture display section for reproducing and displaying when initiated by the sync command data check program at least one of (i) still picture data extracted from the video data and (ii) data of a presentation document on the screen... the sync command data check program checks for sync command data during reproduction and

display of video data on the screen; wherein the at least one designated item is displayed in different sizes, and the different sizes are based on the time length and importance level of a corresponding section of the video data..." ,here referred to as 'Limitation A' that is not suggested or shown by Chen.

The prior art of Vigneaux teaches another combination, "a graphical user interface providing tools for the user to create, browse and catalog multimedia assets and storing keyword searchable data", but does not suggest the Limitation A.

The prior art of Chiu teaches another combination, "a graphical user interface providing tools for a user to assign importance values to objects", but does not suggest the Limitation A.

Further Chen, Vigneaux and Chiu teaches the limitation: "a graphical user interface for presenting the output of the users interaction with tools used to create, browse and catalog data with keyword searchable data to be presented in a video, slide and thumbnail region while assigning importance level to data objects", but the claims recite a different combination of limitation "Limitation A", that is not suggested or shown by the combination of Chen, Vigneaux and Chiu.

The dependent claims further add limitations to the allowable subject matter of the corresponding independent claims; thus are also allowable. Therefore the claims

are allowed over the art because the claims differ in scope that is not seen or suggested by the prior art.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Inquires

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Nicholas Augustine whose telephone number is 571-270-1056 and fax is 571-270-2056. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday - Friday: 9:30am- 5:00pm Eastern.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Weilun Lo can be reached on 571-272-4847. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

Information regarding the status of an application may be obtained from the Patent Application Information Retrieval (PAIR) system. Status information for published applications may be obtained from either Private PAIR or Public PAIR. Status information for unpublished applications is available through Private PAIR only. For more information about the PAIR system, see <http://pair-direct.uspto.gov>. Should you have questions on access to the Private PAIR system, contact the Electronic Business Center (EBC) at 866-217-9197 (toll-free). If you would like assistance from a USPTO Customer Service Representative or access to the automated information system, call 800-786-9199 (IN USA OR CANADA) or 571-272-1000.

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